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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: November 18, 2013

Meetings:

There will be a Strategic Communications Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 19th from 6:30-8:00pm in Conference Room C. On Wednesday the 20th the Historic District Council Subcommittee will meet from 6-8pm in Conference Room A. There will be a Business Meeting of the City Council on Thursday, November 21st beginning at 7pm. There will be a pre-meeting in Conference Room A at 6:30pm. A Senior Staff Meeting will be held at City Center beginning at 8am on Friday, November 22, 2013.

Other Items:

Please see the enclosed memorandum to me from DPW Director Lesley Jones regarding Hatch Hill. As has been reported in the newspaper, The Town of Pittston has formally advised us that they will no longer contract with us for landfill access for their residents, effective January 1st. The City of Gardiner is considering similar action (based on a recent meeting that Lesley and I had with Gardiner's City Manager and solid waste committee chair). At least one other town is contemplating a similar action. In response to all of this, Lesley and Ralph St. Pierre and I have been reviewing how best for Augusta to deal with this. We think that it may be time to consider some downward adjustment to the per-capita fee we charge the seven towns we serve and to offset that lost revenue with a modest corresponding increase in our tipping fees. I expect to bring this to Council soon (perhaps initially at Thursday's pre-meeting if time permits).

Following up on resident concerns about speeding on Hicks Road, the Traffic Calming Committee has taken several steps to mitigate that concern. Please see the enclosed memorandum addressing that issue.

This week, we kick off the annual charitable giving campaign. Last year, City employees generously set a record (well over \$16,000) for donations to United Way and other funding agencies. This year's goal is \$17,000. Loretta Lathe is coordinating the effort and payroll deduction is the convenient way to participate. I hope we can all stretch a bit and make this year a great success.

C: Department and Bureau Directors
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